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- 1) 3016945
- 2) 58-138903

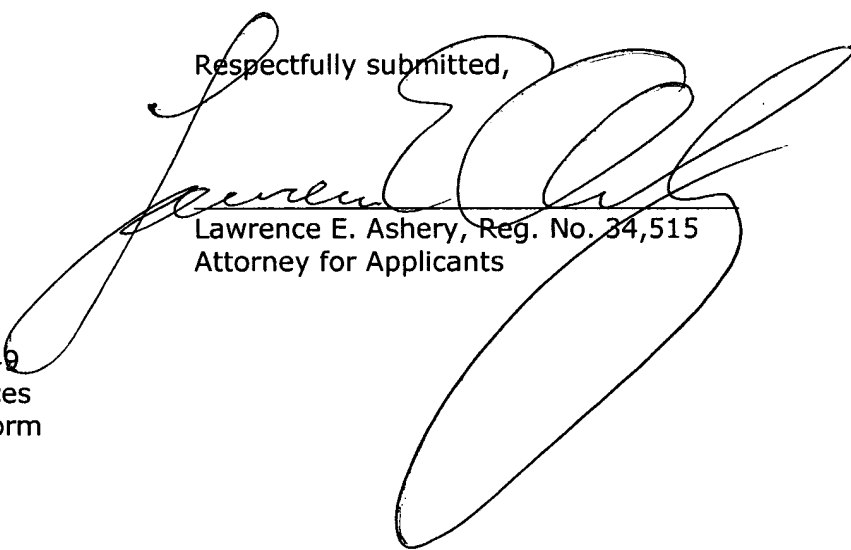
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